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THIRD BRITISH WARSHIP IS BLOWN UP;  
325 OF CREW DEAD; SPY IS SUSPECTEDAUSTRIA'S PLEDGE TO STOP  
U-BOAT ATROCITIES MAKES  
A BREAK VERY IMPROBABLEUnofficial Text of Latest Note  
Says Submarine Commander  
Has Been Punished.

TO PAY AN INDEMNITY.

Von Bernstorff Discusses Lusitania Case With Lansing  
With View to Settlement.

BERLIN, Dec. 31 (via London).—The text of Austria's note to the United States was received in Berlin early this morning, at such an hour that the morning newspapers were unable to comment on it. The Lokaleinzeiger gives an indication of its view in a headline, "Conciliatory Attitude of Vienna Government."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The official text of Austria's Ancona note was received early to-day at the State Department. The work of translating from the diplomatic code requires several hours.

Secretary Lansing refused to discuss the contents of the note or to say how fully it corresponds to the cabled unofficial text. The message comes through very slowly, he said. The Secretary said the note would not be made public before Monday.

Baron Zwiadinek, Austrian representative in the United States, believes the Austrian note will satisfy the demands of the United States.

"I sincerely hope that our reply will convince the United States that we wish to abide by the principles of humanity and to do the utmost to be fair in our dealing with the United States," he said. It is thought likely at the embassy that Austria will very soon send an Ambassador to the United States so that any negotiations conducted may be carried out on Austria's part by the highest diplomatic official who could be sent to this country.

If the official text conforms to press despatches saying the communication announced that the submarine commander who torpedoed the steamer had been punished, virtually only one phase of the incident remains to be cleaned up. That would be the payment of indemnity for American lives lost, for which Austria has expressed a willingness to make reparation. Later there may be full exchanges between the United States and Austria on the question of submarine warfare and the necessity for warning before attacking merchantmen. It is believed here that in punishing the submarine commander for failure to take into account the panic prevailing aboard the Ancona before torpedoing the vessel, the Austrian Government, in effect, disavowed the act and gave assurances that there would be no repetition of such an incident.

Ambassador Bernstorff conferred with Secretary Lansing for twenty minutes to-day regarding the Lusitania case.

Secretary Lansing, while admitting the Lusitania case had been discussed, would not say what progress

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SWANN PICKS NEW  
STAFF; DELEHANTY  
GETS JUDGESHIPGovernor Names Assistant  
Prosecutor to Swann's Place  
on General Sessions Bench.

District Attorney-Elect Edward Swann this afternoon announced the appointment of the following as members of his professional staff:

Assistant District Attorneys—(Salary \$7,500 a year)—Leslie J. Tompkins, John T. Dooling, William Harman Black, Abraham G. Meyer, George N. Brothers, James O'Malley, Robert S. Johnstone, Royal H. Weller, William Dean Embree and Robert C. Taylor.

Messrs Tompkins, Dooling, Black and Meyer are new appointments; the others are "holdovers" from the Perkins administration. Deputy Assistant District Attorneys—Alexander I. Rorke, Moses B. Hytenberg and James E. Smith, salaries \$5,000 a year; George A. Levell, \$4,500 a year; and the following at \$4,000 a year: Edwin P. Kilroe, Emmet J. Murphy, John D. Edelson, Samuel Markewitz, Henry Stanley Renaud, Edward S. Brogan, Aaron C. Colton and Nelson Oleott.

These deputy assistants were named with the stipulation that their salaries are to be fixed later; John J. O'Connor, Newman Levy, Patrick McGrath, John M. Minton Jr., Frederick J. Sullivan, James A. McDonnell, Edward Weil, Alexander Lehman, Joseph Forrester, John F. Joyce, Francis Xavier Munson, John Cardone and Ferdinand Q. Morton. The State Board of Excise took care to-day of one of the young men who had been named to the position of assistant district attorney in the Whitman and Perkins regime, was appointed counsel to the Excise Board and assigned to the Bronx.

District Attorney Perkins, when asked this afternoon what he intends doing after retiring from public office, replied:

"Why, first of all, I am going on a vacation." It is understood that when he returns he will go into partnership with his present chief assistant, Arthur Train, and that they will have offices at No. 69 Broadway.

Whitman Names Delehanty to Succeed Swann.

ALBANY, Dec. 31.—Supreme Court Justice John Proctor Clarke was designated by Gov. Whitman to-day as presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Justice George L. Ingraham. Justice Clarke at present is serving on the Appellate Division bench. To fill the vacancy caused by Justice Ingraham's retirement from the Supreme Court the Governor appointed John C. Clark.

The Governor also announced the appointment of James A. Delehanty, Assistant District Attorney of New York, as Judge of the New York Court of General Sessions, to succeed Edward Swann, who has been elected District Attorney of New York.

OSBORNE AVERTS  
SING SING RIOT AS  
KIRCHWEY GOES INEx-Warden Tells Cheering  
Convicts He Will Come Back  
When Trial Is Over.

GETS A BIG OVATION.

New Warden Takes Oath and  
Promises to Continue Mutual Welfare League.

(Special to The Evening World.) SING SING, N. Y., Dec. 31.—An outbreak of Sing Sing convicts was averted this morning only through the tact of the officers and delegates of the Mutual Welfare League, who went among them, giving assurances that Warden Thomas Mott Osborne was not to give up the management of the prison, but was merely to be aided by Dr. George W. Kirchwey, pending his trial.

Evidences of trouble appeared when a report was circulated among the convicts that the Warden was not to return to the prison. The officials of the League, who have promised Warden Osborne there would be no outbreak, immediately went to certain of the men who appeared to be ready to lead the disorderly ones and told them the Warden was to return and that the reports from Albany were wrong. This served temporarily to stop the demonstration. The leaders of the League believe that, with the initial crisis over, the men will not be as hard to handle when they learn that the Warden is really to leave.

Thirteen hundred convicts in the main mess hall of the prison started a riot when Warden Thomas M. Osborne addressed them at 1 o'clock this afternoon and told them that at the close of his trial on the charges against him he would return to them as Warden.

The Warden told the men the enemies of prison reform had failed in their effort to oust them; that he is still Warden, and will be Warden and in active charge when his present trouble is over. He urged them to support Dr. Kirchwey, the new acting Warden, and assured them Dr. Kirchwey is in sympathy with his prison methods and will continue the plans he instituted.

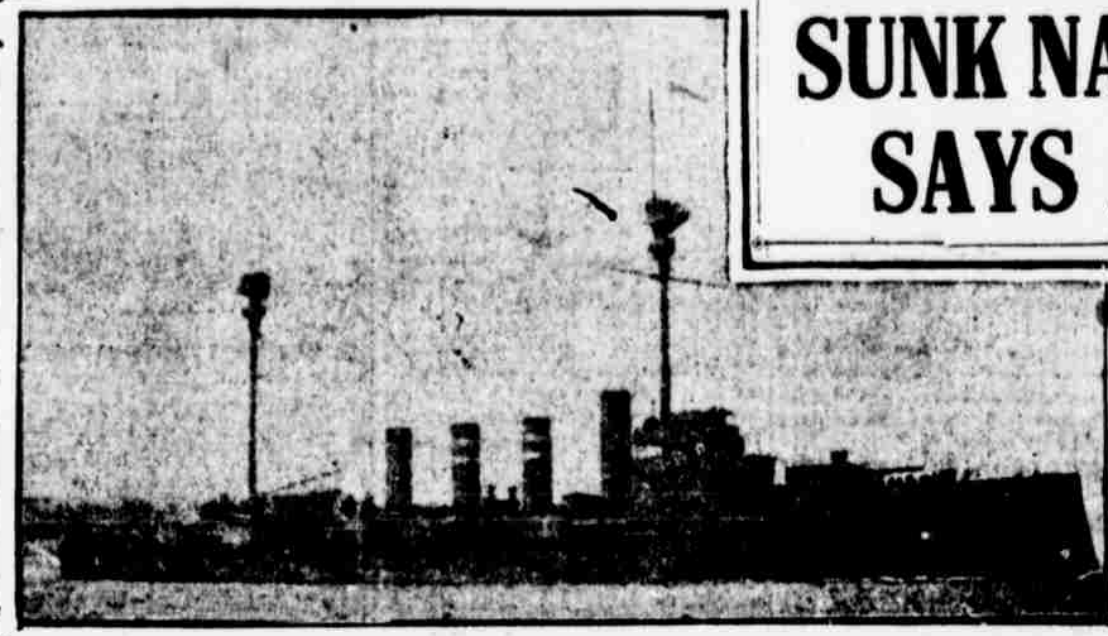
He closed by wishing the convicts a Happy New Year and the demonstration started. The men were entirely free of restraint, and sang and danced in front of the tables as they yelled and sang.

A still more remarkable situation developed before the address in the mess hall, when the Warden called the trusted convicts and members of the league into his office. In the Warden's office the men gathered about him and cheered, while they shook his hand and some of the ex-convicts have been adding clapped him upon the back. He was gleeful and led the men into his room and, seating himself at his piano, he played "Tom Brown's March," a piece he composed himself and dedicated to the prison inmates.

ALBANY, Dec. 31.—George W. Kirchwey of New York, former dean of the Columbia Law School, was appointed Agent and Warden of Sing Sing Prison to-day by John B. Riley, State Superintendent of Prisons, to succeed Thomas Mott Osborne. No conditions were attached to the appointment, which contained no limitations as to the length of its duration.

Dr. Kirchwey was handed his commission shortly after noon. He is

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British Cruiser Natal Destroyed  
With a Loss of 325 of Her Crew

THE NATAL.

219 Places Licensed  
to Sell Drinks to 3 A. M.  
as New Year Comes InBesides These the 28 All Night  
Resorts Will Be Doing  
Business.

Mayor Mitchell to-day granted 219 licenses permitting the sale of liquor in amusement resorts in this city until 3 o'clock to-morrow morning during New Year's celebrations. Added to this number are twenty-eight all year round liquor licenses, which permit their holders to sell liquor until 6 A. M.

Last year, when the special New Year's licenses permitted owners of cabarets, restaurants and other pleasure resorts to remain open and dispense liquor and other drinks until 6 A. M., about 225 special licenses of this class were issued by the Mayor.

Of the 219 special licenses granted to-day 157 are for Manhattan, forty-seven for Brooklyn, ten for the Bronx and five for Queens. The Borough of Richmond—Staten Island—seems the all-night license application.

The approved licenses were sent to the State Excise Department at Albany for sanction there—a mere matter of form—and will be back in this city to-night in time to entitle their holders to do business until three hours after midnight.

Mayor Mitchell says he does not believe owners of restaurants and other resorts will abuse the 3 A. M. privilege. If they do they will make unnecessary trouble for themselves, he adds.

It was said in City Hall to-day that the sluttish of the Anti-Saloon League will be busy to-morrow morning endeavoring to get evidence against places which remain open after 3 o'clock.

Chief Clerk Glennon says each licensee has signed a "gentlemen's agreement" not to violate the provisions of his privilege.

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New Year's DayEXPLOSION FROM INSIDE  
SUNK NATAL IN HOME PORT,  
SAYS ADMIRALTY REPORTWarship Carried a Crew of 725 and  
the Only Members Who Escaped  
Death Are Believed  
to Have Been Ashore.NAVY'S BIGGEST LOSS SINCE  
EXPLOIT AT DARDANELLES

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The British cruiser Natal was blown to pieces in its harbor yesterday afternoon with a probable loss of about 325 lives.

The official statement from the Admiralty said the ship was wrecked "by an internal explosion." The Admiralty statement reported that 400 of the Natal's crew of about 725 were saved. It is believed many, if not all of these, were ashore when the cruiser was sunk.

An immediate investigation has been ordered, but the results have not been made public. News of the disaster was withheld from publication for nearly twenty-four hours, until the Admiralty had received accurate statements as to the number of survivors and the probable loss of life.

The idea is generally attributed to foul play. In support of this theory attention is called to the similar disaster which overtook the British battleship Bulwark, which was blown up off Sheerness in November of last year with the loss of 800 men, and the British steamship Princess Irene, blown up in Sheerness Harbor last May with the loss of 500 lives.

The Natal's sinking is the severest loss which the British navy has sustained in several months. No British naval vessel of importance has been sunk since last May, when the Triumph and Majestic were torpedoed at the Dardanelles. The Natal, although a powerful man-of-war, was laid down eleven years ago and her displacement was only about half that of the largest British sea fighters.

The Natal's normal complement was 704 men. Her displacement was 13,660 tons. She was 480 feet long and 73 feet of beam. Her largest guns were 9.2-inch. Of these she carried three forward and three aft. She was armed also with four 7.5-inch guns, twenty-four 3-pounders and three torpedo tubes.

The Natal brought to New York from Portsmouth the body of White-law Reid, American Ambassador at London, after his death in 1912, remaining at New York for two weeks.

The Natal is the third British warship blown up, presumably by internal explosion, while in harbor.

The battleship Bulwark was blown up in Sheerness Harbor on Nov. 26, 1914, with a loss of about 800 lives. The converted cruiser Princess Irene was blown to bits in Sheerness Harbor on May 27, 1915, with a loss of about 500 lives, her destruction being so complete that there were no survivors among those aboard ship.

The cause of these explosions was never learned, though it was rumored German spies were responsible. In addition to these vessels blown up in their harbors, the British battleship Formidable was destroyed on Jan. 1, 1915, by an explosion in the English Channel. It was never determined definitely whether a mine or internal explosion sent her to the bottom.

## STEAMER WRECKED AT SEA.

Overwhelmed by Storm Off Sicily  
Islands—Lives Believed Lost.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The steamer Miguel Beullure has broken up and is totally wrecked in a severe storm off the Sicily Islands. It is believed lives have been lost.

A despatch received here this afternoon said the foundering of the steamer "was accompanied by distressing scenes" but gave no further details.

EXPLOSION KILLS EIGHT  
AT CHICAGO PLANTLives of Firemen in Danger as  
Naphtha Tanks Blow Up, Spreading  
Flames Over Buildings.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Explosion of a naphtha tank at the plant of the American Linseed Company in South Chicago to-day brought death and injury to a number of employees, jeopardized the lives of firemen and caused a blaze which threatened the destruction of the entire plant. Two hours after the explosion the Coroner was told by the police at the scene that eight men had been killed and as many more injured. Earlier reports placed the dead at from fifteen to twenty.

ROBBERS IN MOTOR BOAT  
BALKED BLOODHOUNDSLong Island Post Office Yielded  
\$550 to Gang of Safe-Blowers  
This Morning.

HUNTINGTON, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The post office of Huntington Harbor, about a mile north of this village, was robbed early this morning, when the safe was blown open. The thieves got away with \$150 in money and about \$200 in stamps.

Postmaster Harry Roselle, in whose father's store the post office is located, telephoned the Huntington police of the burglary and they went for the Long Island Railroad bloodhounds. The hounds took the scent at the post office and ran to Huntington Village. They crossed to the mill dam, where a boat house is located, and then stopped. The thieves could not be traced beyond this point. The authorities are strong in the belief that a motor boat carried the thieves to and from Huntington.

## NED WEYBURN OWES \$59,800.

Bankrupt Schedule Shows Salaries  
Owing Stars and Unknown Assets.

Bankruptcy schedules of Ned Weyburn, producer of "Town Topics," the musical show that closed its doors at the Century Theatre early last November, give liabilities of \$59,800 in addition to numerous claims. The assets are of unknown value and consist of theatrical costumes, scenery and properties and \$1,200 cash in the Gotham National Bank.

The company owes \$2,376 to members of the cast, Blumson Secley Marquand and Frank B. Thomas having additional claims for unknown amounts, which are being contested by the bankruptcy estate. Some of the actors and actresses are Trilby Higgins, \$200; Bert Leslie, \$175; Lew Hearn, \$125; Carl Reed, \$100.

Judge Tierney's Appointments.

Jeremiah J. Flood has tendered his resignation to the State Industrial Commission as Chief Factory Inspector of the First District and will enter a contracting and construction firm. The employees of the department to-day presented him with a suitable gift and set of resolutions expressing their good wishes. The presentation was made in the assembly room of the department at No. 381 Fourth Avenue by Commissioner Louis Wink.

FRENCH SUBMARINE  
SUNK BY AUSTRIANSVienna Makes Announcement of  
Admitting Loss of Two  
Destroyers.

VIENNA (via Berlin wireless), Dec. 31.—An Austrian squadron sank the French submarine Monge in the harbor of Durazzo Thursday morning a few hours before the naval battle in which two Austrian destroyers were sunk, it was officially announced.

The second officer and fifteen of the crew of the French submarine were imprisoned by the Austrian flotilla, which was composed of five destroyers and the cruiser Helgoland.

The French submarine Monge was built in 1909. She displaced 392 tons while on the surface and carried a crew of 24 men and was equipped with six torpedo tubes.